

finds in him and his family hearty supporters. He and his wife remain members of the Augustana Lutheran church, in the creed of which denomination they have reared their children. Politically, Mr. Solem is a staunch Prohibitionist, but he has never sought after public office.

CONRAD H. EVJE.

After thirty-eight years of hard work on his farm of one hundred and sixty acres in Shelly township, Norman county, which bears eloquent testimony to his tireless industry during the years of his prime, Conrad H. Evje lives now in retirement on the original tract which he homesteaded years ago when he first came to Norman county. He is a son of Hans G. and Gertina (Christophersdatter) Evje and was born in Norway on October 28, 1856. Both his father and mother were natives of Norway, but the inducement of coming to America did not lure them from their fatherland, where they remained until their deaths, the father being a farmer. Hans G. Evje was married twice and by his first wife he had seven children, all of whom died in infancy except Tolak who lived and died in Norway. His second wife, the mother of Conrad H. Evje, born him ten children; three of whom died young, the others being: Christopher, John Christian (deceased), Tobias (deceased), Martina, Conrad H., Gabriel and Christina (deceased).

Conrad H. Evje received his early education in Norway and when he had reached the buoyant age of eighteen decided to come to America. It was in 1874 when he first set foot on these shores and in that same year he located near LaCrosse, Wisconsin, where he remained for five years, working at different occupations, including lumbering in the woods in winter and rafting in the summer. The spring of 1879 saw him leave the lumber camps and strike out into Minnesota toward the then newly opened Red River country, settling in Norman county, where he homesteaded one hundred and sixty acres in section 2 of Shelly township. There he has since lived, continuous owner of the original homestead until the spring of 1917, when he sold out to his son-in-law, John Busse. Though no longer owning the farm, Mr. Evje and wife continue to live on the old home place in well-earned retirement, enjoying the later years of their lives on the farm which they developed from the raw prairie into a tract of well-cultivated land.

Mr. Evje was united in marriage with Carolina Regina Langhus, who was born in Vernon county, Wisconsin, on September 1, 1866, a daughter of Michel and Serie Christine Langhus. To this union six children have been born, namely: Gertina Christina, Clara Marie, Hans Gabriel (deceased), Constance Louise, Ricka and Josephine Mathilde. Mr. and Mrs. Evje are both consistent and conscientious members of the Norwegian Lutheran church, and in the creed of this denomination they have reared their children. Mr. Evje helped to organize the Zion Lutheran church. Being a progressive farmer, he along with several of his neighbors some years ago recognized the need of better facilities for the marketing of their dairy products and accordingly organized the creamery at Shelly. Even though Mr. Evje has the interest of a good American citizen in the civic affairs of his community, he has never sought after office, but any movement in his neighborhood which has for its purpose the material and social betterment of the community finds in him hearty and loyal support. Mr. Evje is a member of the Republican party, and is a strong advocate of its principles and policies.

CHARLES R. KALL.

Charles R. Kall, a well-known contractor at Moorhead, who gives his particular attention to house-moving, although he also engages in carpentering, is a native of the kingdom of Sweden, but has been a resident of Minnesota since he was two years of age. He was born in 1877, son of P. J. and Caroline Kall, also natives of Sweden, who came to this country in the spring of 1879 and proceeded on out to the Red River valley, arriving at Moorhead on May 2 of that year.

In his native country P. J. Kall had been engaged as a bricklayer, but upon coming here he determined to become a farmer and with that end in view presently homesteaded a tract of one hundred and sixty acres over the river in Cass county, South Dakota, about twelve miles southwest of Fargo. Floods arose, however, sweeping away what early improvements he made on that place and he presently moved over onto the Minnesota side of the river and was there engaged in farming until about twenty years ago, when he gave up the farm and engaged in mason contracting at Moorhead, where he ever since has been thus engaged, doing a general business in brick masonry and cement contracting. He and his wife are members of the Swedish Mission church and to them six children have been born, those besides the subject of this sketch, the second in order of birth, being Elizabeth (deceased),